

## POST SHORTS

### Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for May 30 is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



### Traffic restriction alert for today

APG will conduct a consolidated exercise involving numerous tenant activities today. Some areas of the installation may experience some traffic restrictions and re-routing. One or more of the gates may close for a short time possibly causing inconvenience to workers, residents and visitors. Allow extra time in planned operations and activities for possible delays.

For more information, call 410-278-1147/1153 or 800-688-8705.

### Memorial dedication today

The community is invited to attend Harford County Public Schools' and the Veterans Commission of Harford County's dedication ceremony of a memorial stone at Harford County Public Schools' administration building 5:30 p.m., May 24.

The building is located at South Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, and the memorial will be dedicated in honor of HCPS students "who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country."

For more information, call Debbie Everett, 410-588-5214.

### Holiday gate hours

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

The Harford (Route 22) Gate will close at 10 p.m., May 25, and the Wise Road (Route 755) Gate will close at 8 p.m., May 25. Both gates will reopen for normal traffic at 4 a.m., May 29.

The Maryland (APG North) and Route 24 (APG South) gates will remain open.

### Important playground notice

During a recent inspection of installation playground equipment by the APG Safety

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# Soldiers showcase their talents in annual Army variety show

Story by  
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 APG News

Size really didn't matter to attendees at the 2007 U.S. Army Soldier Show which played May 12 and 13 at the Post Theater.

The talented group of performers impressed the audience with hefty amounts of talent, poise and style due to a great choice of songs that showed off a wide range of talents.

Led by longtime director Victor Hurtado, the cast of 14 active and National Guard Soldiers, performed brilliantly, eliciting numerous ovations from the audience.

Hurtado said it was the smallest cast he's worked with in his 10 years of directing the show and that one major difference was the addition of singer-musicians who eliminated the need for prerecorded music for several numbers.

Coupled with just the right mixture of rock, country and hip hop, and arguably some of the best voices ever to perform in the show, it all made for a delightful evening for the audience.

Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, thanked the performers, noting that this was their first performance away from Fort Belvoir, Va., where the show originates.

"They continue to perform throughout the country and the world for our Soldiers and their Families," Wright



Photo by TIM HIPPS, FMWRC PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
 Left to right, Sgt. Stacey Chapman, Staff Sgts. Laura Snyder and Patricia Isaac, Sgt. Ericka Escalante and saxophonist Staff Sgt. Walter Washington perform "Move," from the long-running Broadway musical "Dreamgirls," during rehearsal for the 2007 U.S. Army Soldier Show, which performed at the Post Theater May 12 and 13.

said. "They show what Army Strong is all about."

Mike Tebin, an APG South contractor with the 22nd Chemical Battalion who attended the show with his wife, Marlyn, agreed. Tebin said that he tries

not to miss the Soldier Show and that he's attended several shows in the past.

"I like the variety of the shows and the fact that they do current music," Tebin said. "I especially like the rock songs."

"I thought it was fantastic," added Sgt.

1st Class Michael Burger, a drill sergeant with Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion. "Those Soldiers were very diverse in their abilities, and I thought the instruments added to the show's variety. A lot

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# Army forms available in AKO My Forms portal

Army Publishing Directorate  
 Army Knowledge Online

For personnel authorized to order forms through the Army Publishing Directorate, FormFlow is being phased out.

Forms are now available on the Army Knowledge Online Web site using the new forms program PureEdge and a digital signature application, ApproveIt, that is available for the majority of the forms.

The entire lobby of PureEdge forms has been

moved to the "My Forms" portal on AKO. Sometime within the next year, FormFlow and FormFlow 99 will be permanently removed from the online forms libraries.

Those users at Aberdeen Proving Ground who have local forms should contact Mail and Records Management Division, Publications, at 410-436-3032 or e-mail nancy.govan@us.army.mil for conversion to PureEdge. For questions or information

about DOD and DA Forms in PureEdge, visit [www.apd.army.mil](http://www.apd.army.mil) and go to 'Customer Service.' Users can either call or e-mail for information.

The My Forms portal is the APD's next-generation forms content management system. My Forms provides an Army enterprise forms system situated behind the AKO to improve the management of thousands of forms-based processes.

Users will be able to search for departmental forms; view

forms within Internet Explorer; fill, edit, print, sign and save forms; route forms to other AKO users; track the status of a routed form; and view a real-time read-only copy of a routed form.

Army users will need to have the new PureEdge Viewer 6.5 and ApproveIt Desktop 5.7.2 or above installed on their systems.

Both software applications are available to Army users free of charge from

local Directorate of Information Management offices or via download through the My Forms portal in AKO.

Users must have administrator rights to their desktop to install the software. Those without administrator rights must contact their local IT helpdesk for assistance. At APG, call 410-306-4357.

For more information, visit the AKO My Forms portal at <https://myforms.us.army.mil/wps/portal>.

## Bringing the Chem Corps' best to the tables

RDECOM

The Annual National Capital Region Green Dragon Ball is celebrating the 89th anniversary of the Chemical Corps and the 90th anniversary of Aberdeen Proving Ground July 20 at Top of the Bay.

Brig. Gen. Stanley H. Lillie, director of Integration Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8 U.S. Army will host the ball.

"This year's National Capital Region Green Dragon Ball will bring together more than three hundred Dragon Soldiers, civilians and their spouses from throughout the D.C. area for collaboration as colleagues and as friends," Lillie said. "The National Capital Region's Green Dragon Ball is an excellent opportunity to link the past, present and future of the Chemical Corps at one event."

"The National Capital Region Green Dragon Ball is not just a dinner, it is an inspiration for all involved in the chemical community. It is a chance to unite our country's bravest Soldiers," Lillie said.

This joint celebration will include



displays, formal festivities and induct several attendees into the prestigious Chemical Corps Order of the Dragon.

"The skill and courage of our Green Dragon Soldiers and civilians is recognized around the world, and they are truly a national asset," said Maj. Gen. Stephen Reeves, Joint Program Executive Office Chemical Biology Defense. "The annual National Capital Region Green Dragon Ball is an opportunity to bring together the diverse talents and people from across the CBRN community and share an evening of camaraderie."

For more information, visit <http://www.rdecom.army.mil/greendragonball/>.

To make a reservation, call 410-436-4803.

## Top Army officer addresses bonuses, stability operations

Story by  
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 Army News Service

Army officials will continue to monitor manning and may offer bonuses to mid-level officers and noncommissioned officers if needed, the Army chief of staff said May 11.

Gen. George W. Casey Jr. told reporters that the service needs to come up with incentives for mid-range officers and NCOs to ensure the leadership is in place for the force of the future. He also spoke about changes to the Army as a result of experiences in the War on Terror.

Gen. Casey said active-duty and reserve component personnel are meeting retention objectives. In recruiting, the active force and the National Guard are making their goals. The Army Reserve is missing its goal, but is expected to make it for the year.

"We will still monitor the situation," Gen. Casey said.

While incentives will be partially monetary, other aspects - such as funding graduate school - will be considered.

Gen. Casey said the 1990s outlook in the military against "nation building" has changed. He said Soldiers accept the move toward stability operations and reconstruction because of what they see in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"They recognize it is an integral part of counterinsurgency strategy," Gen. Casey said. "It's not just the military [that wins counterinsurgency efforts], but it's political and economic and information."

The next step is whether the Army should organize units solely for stability operations and reconstruction. "I'm not sure yet," Gen. Casey said.

He said these really are not part of the core competencies of the Army, which is still configured to fight and win the nation's wars. He said these competencies normally lie in other federal agencies.

"The question really is can we change the culture in the other departments so their folks can participate in areas like Iraq, or whether that's simply too hard and the mission should fall to the military," Gen. Casey said.

## Veterans encouraged to wear military medals on Memorial Day

VA Maryland Health Care System

To show their pride in military service and teach younger generations about the value of serving this nation, Dennis H. Smith, director of the VA Maryland Health Care System, is urging veterans throughout the state to pin on their military medals on Memorial Day, May 28.

"Wearing their medals demonstrates the deep pride our veterans have in their military service," Smith said. "It also reminds all American citizens -- especially the young -- about the sacrifices our veterans have made for our freedom."

He encouraged veterans to display their medals no matter what they are doing on Memorial Day, but especially when attending public events. Smith said he believes the movement will become a tradition. The call for veterans to wear their military decorations

started last Veterans Day under a program called "Veterans Pride Initiative," which was introduced by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson.

About 24 million living Americans have served in the armed forces, with nearly 18 million wearing the uniforms of the U.S. military during times of war and conflict.

Smith said he hopes veterans will wear their medals on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veterans Day and when attending other patriotic events. Major U.S. veterans organizations have endorsed the "Veterans Pride Initiative."

Additional information about the initiative is featured at VA's Web site, <http://www.va.gov/veteranspride/>, where veterans can also learn how to replace mislaid medals or confirm the decorations to which they are entitled.

## AER annual fund campaign continues through end of month

AER

Army Emergency Relief is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated solely to "Helping the Army Take Care of its Own."

AER is governed under bylaws established by the AER Board of Managers and receives no funds from the federal government. AER is supported by voluntary contributions from Soldiers (active and retired) solicited once a year during the Army's annual fund campaign for AER. AER has been the Army's emergency financial assistance organization since Feb. 5, 1942, and is the only organization dedicated solely to helping Soldiers and their Families in time of

emergency financial need.

The annual fund raising campaign for AER began March 1 and will continue through May 31. Contributions may be by allotment, cash or check.

AER unit representatives can turn in collected contributions to the AER officer on Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon, in building 2754 Rodman Road, room 201. Contributions should be turned in on a weekly basis so that all checks, cash, and allotments can be processed in a timely manner.

Anyone that has collected contributions but has not turned them in should call the AER officer at 410-278-2508.

# Sergeant Audie Murphy Club inducts four members

Story by  
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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club welcomed four noncommissioned officers as its newest members during an induction ceremony May 7 at the APG Conference Center.

The SAMC, named after the famous World War II Soldier, is an elite club for NCOs with ranks of corporal through sergeant first class.

Brig. Gen. Frank D. Turner III, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command; Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin W. Womack Sr., U.S. Army 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological Nuclear and High Yield Explosives); and Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy H. Alcivar, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, presented the Sergeant Audie Murphy Medallion, Sergeant Audie Murphy Certificate, the Army Commendation Medal and many other awards to inductees Sgts. 1st Class James T. Thomas and Jeffrey Stanton.

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby was inducted as an honorary inductee.

Alcivar presented Irby with a sword as a token of appreciation because he would not be at APG when Irby retires this summer.

Thomas is a chief writer/instructor for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School's Tactical Support Equipment Department, and Stanton is a test and evaluation NCO for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

Command Sgt. Maj. Luis Lopez of DTC, another honorary inductee, couldn't attend the ceremony because he was preparing for deployment.

Honorary membership is the same as the standard SAMC membership except that the individuals are of higher rank and do not have to go before a selection board.

Turner spoke about the NCOs' achievements to make it into the prestigious club.

He said that the Army focuses on three functions of NCOs: small unit leader, trainer and guardian of standards.

"Those who were recognized today are the elite of the elite and are completing these three functions," Turner said.

Womack encouraged the inductees to "lead from the front" just as Murphy did and that other Soldiers will look to them for guidance.

Inductees should also keep the Army Values, Warrior Ethos and NCO Creed in mind while making decisions for Soldiers and their Families, he said.

Womack congratulated the inductees on their achievements and said, "your dedication, hard work and professionalism make you a member in this great organization of leaders."

1st Sgt. Jeffery Litteral, president of the APG SAMC, read the biography of Murphy, who became the most decorated Soldier in the Army.

Alcivar, adviser of the SAMC, announced that Irby and Lopez would be the last recipients of honorary membership because U.S. Army Forces Command changed the regulation to include only corporals through sergeants first class nominees.

FORSCOM Regulation 215-7 extended honorary membership to individuals who have the qualities of a SAMC member but would not normally be allowed to compete. Sergeant Morales' Club members in good standing were also allowed a chance to become a member before the regulation was changed.

Alcivar said he nominated Irby for SAMC membership because of his dedication to the Army.

"He has served in the Army for thirty years and has cared for Soldiers," Alcivar said. "He demonstrated the values and qualities that make a Sergeant Audie Murphy inductee."

He also nominated Angela Fritzsching, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Allen Fritzsching, DTC, who received the Dr. Mary E. Walker award.

Walker volunteered as an Army surgeon during the Civil War and was the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor.

"Mrs. Fritzsching has spent more than twenty



years supporting her Family, Soldiers and the community," Alcivar said. "She goes out of her way to support Soldiers." He said that just like the SAMC nominations, the SAMC board votes on the Dr. Mary E. Walker award nominations. If the SAMC votes in favor of the individual, the nomination is sent to FORSCOM for approval.

Command Sgt. Maj. Allen Fritzsching nominated Lopez and Stanton for the SAMC.

Fritzsching said that he nominated Lopez because he was instrumental in starting an SAMC at the 1st CORPS Support Command's theater of operations while the unit was stationed in Iraq from 2004 to 2005.

"Sergeant First Class Stanton was [the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 2006 and U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Center Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 2007] and embodies everything this club represents," Fritzsching said. "He is an excellent leader that takes care of the Soldiers and sets and enforces high standards for them."

Sgt. Maj. Chancey Alderman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade, OMMS's Tactical Support Equipment Department, nominated Thomas for the SAMC.

"He epitomizes what we look for in a Sergeant Audie Murphy member," Alderman said. "He goes way beyond his duties as a [noncommissioned officer] in whatever he does."

Thomas and Stanton's fellow Soldiers commented on what it is like to work with them.

Staff Sgt. Richard Suel said Thomas mentored and encouraged him to work toward promotions while they were stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., and at APG.

"He showed me what true leadership really means," Suel said. "He constantly taught me about the importance of prioritizing the things I do in my life. His unique ability to manage Soldiers and anticipate issues followed by a sound judgment has truly made him a leader that all his peers, both junior and senior, epitomize."

Sgt. James Mical said Stanton "is the example of a Soldier I like to work with. If I want to know how something is done, he sets the example. He is a pleasure to work with."

At the end of the ceremony, the club members gave Alcivar a plaque containing the U.S. flag, a picture of the SAMC members and coins from all APG commands.

Litteral said the plaque was a token of appreciation for Alcivar who helped him and Sgt. 1st Class Kris Toman start the club at APG.

## **Sgt. 1st Class James T. Thomas**

Thomas was born in Jonesville, N.C., and started his Army career in October 1990.

Thomas is a chief writer/instructor for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, 61st Ordnance Brigade, OMMS in the Tactical Support Equipment Department. In 2004, he was selected as OMMS NCO of the Year and was runner-up in the Combined Armed Services Command NCO of the Year Competition in 2004.

Thomas' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

His military education includes Support Operations Course, Systems Approach to Training, Basic Noncommissioned Officers' Course and Combat Lifesaver's Course.

He was deployed to Iraq in 2003 with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., and to Bosnia in 1994 and 1996 with the 1st Squadron, 1st U.S. Cavalry Regiment, Buebingen, Germany. He also was deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, with 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, Fort Carson, Colo.

Thomas is married to Sfc. Tracey L. Thomas, Directorate of Instruction's Staff and Faculty Development Division, HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade. They have one son, Jamari, and live in Edgewood.

Thomas talked about how he felt about becoming a SAMC member.

"This is the most worthwhile thing I have done since I joined the Army," Thomas said. "The process to get into the club was the hardest and demanding thing I've faced in the Army both physically and mentally."

He said the process involved a physical fitness test, a weapons qualification test and learning how to respond to different issues.

"By achieving this membership, I can give back to the community and my unit," Thomas said.

He said he would like to thank God; his wife; fellow civilians and Soldiers; Alderman and Command Sgts. Maj. Anthony Slater, 61st Ordnance Brigade and William Hart, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

He said he'd also like to thank Alcivar and Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Eubanks, the regimental command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools for making sure the paperwork was sent to the correct place.

## **Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Stanton**

Stanton started his Army career in October 1981 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga.

His past assignments include serving as an M60 Gunner with the 1/508th Airborne Division, Company C, Fort Kobe, Panama, and a rifleman for 2/505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Company C, Fort Bragg, N.C.

After Stanton was discharged from the Army on Feb. 7, 1994, he joined the Individual Ready Reserve. In December 1996, he joined the U.S. Army Reserves.

Stanton entered active duty through the Extended Active Duty program in 2003. He works as a test and evaluation NCO for the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

His military education includes Airborne School, Drill Sergeant School and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course. He received an Associate of Applied Science degree in computer engineering from Southwestern Community College.

Stanton's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Expert Infantry Badge.

He commented on what it felt like to become a SAMC member.

"I feel very happy to be a part of the club," Stanton said. "It's a very distinct honor."

He said that he has been preparing to become a member off and on for six months.

## **Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby**

Irby was born in Coldwater, Miss., and has been serving in the Army since November 1977.

His assignments include four tours at Fort Hood, Texas, as part of the 2nd Air Division, 4th Armored Division, 4th Infantry Division and 13th CORPS Support Command, serving with 1-66 Army Reserve (2) and three tours in Germany with the 2-66 AR.

He has served many positions in his field such as tank mechanic, team chief, instructor, senior instructor and subject matter expert/senior writer for tested material. He has also served in many leadership positions.

Irby's military education includes all levels of the NCO Education System, Instructor's Course, Garrison Sergeant Major Course and many other courses. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and has an associate's degree in business management from Regents College. Irby is in the process of working toward a bachelor's degree.

His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, 4th Award, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with bronze star and Valorous Unit Award.

Irby has two sons: Kevin, a Soldier stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Kory.

Irby expressed gratitude toward working with Soldiers and becoming a SAMC member.

"It's a great honor to work with top notch Soldiers during my career," Irby said. "I appreciate the folks that voted for me."

## **Command Sgt. Maj. Luis Lopez**

Lopez enlisted in the Army on July 15, 1976, at Edison, N.J. After basic and advanced training, he was assigned to the Federal Republic of Germany, Delta Battery 2nd/1st Air Defense Artillery 32nd Aerospace Defense Command as a Nike Hercules crewman heavy and medium machine gunner.

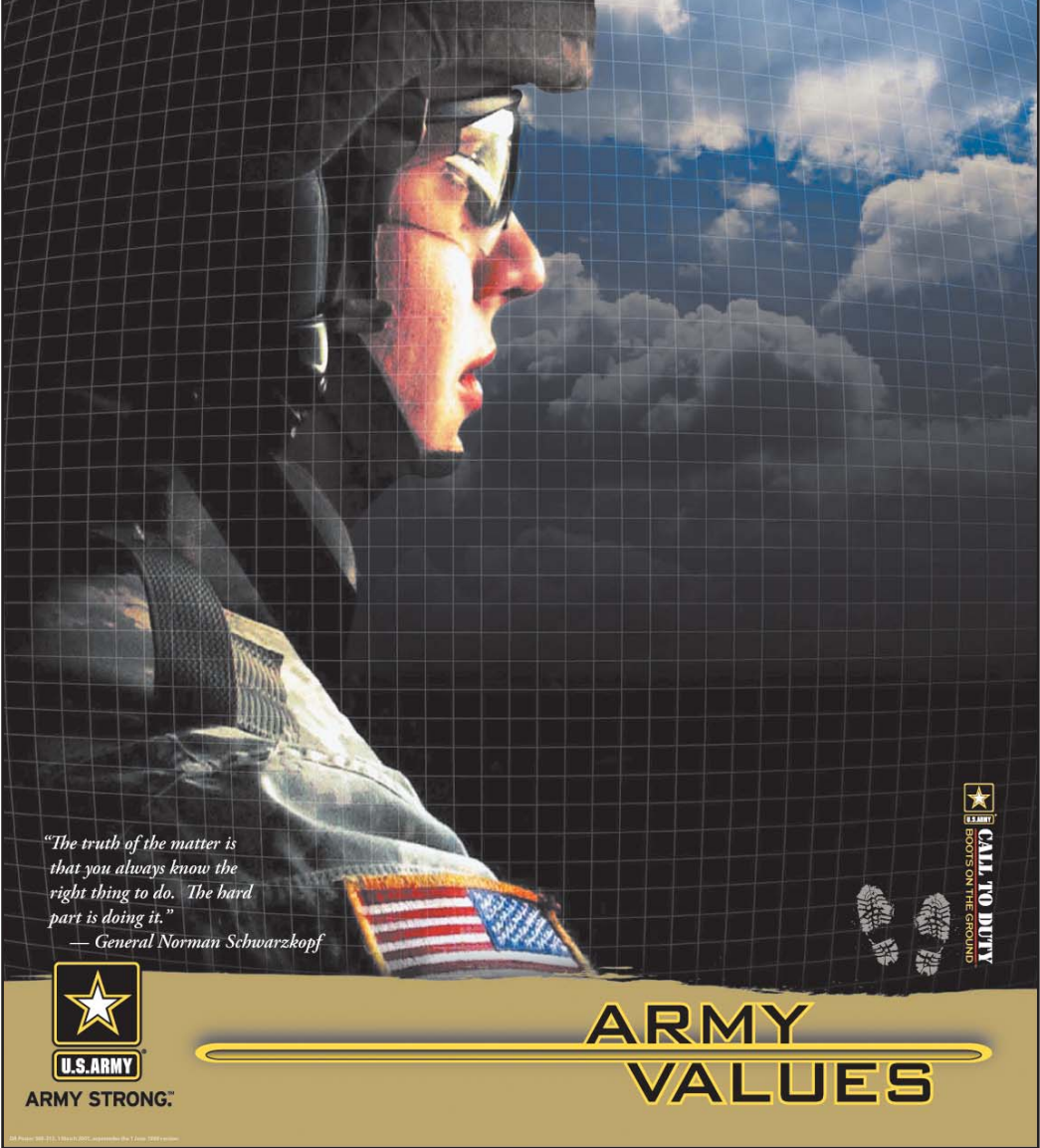
He served in many communications security positions including as a repairman for the 4th Mechanized Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo., and full maintenance COMSEC repairman while assigned to the 122nd Signal Battalion at Camp Coiner, Korea.

In addition, he was activated as the 264th

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# INTEGRITY

Do what's right, legally and morally.



The Army recently issued new versions of the Army Values poster series. APG News will feature the remaining Army Values posters in future issues

**Integrity.** Do what's right-legally and morally. This is the thread woven through the fabric of the professional Army ethic. It means honesty, uprightness, the avoidance of deception and steadfast adherence to standards of behavior.

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# BOSS training workshop focuses on recruitment

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Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers attended the annual BOSS training workshop April 30 through May 5 at the National Conference Center in Landsdowne, Va., to learn about recruiting for the program. BOSS is an organization that focuses on improving the morale of Soldiers, volunteering in the community and planning leisure or recreational activities.

The theme for this year's workshop was "BOSS Strong...Supporting the Mission."

Sgt. Eugenia Richards, APG BOSS president; APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, and Byron Reasin, Morale, Welfare and Recreation BOSS adviser, attended the training workshop.

"The workshop focused on how to get people motivated to join the BOSS program," Richards said.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston talked about the state of the Army with base realignment and closure.

"He told us that one of our strengths in the Army is that recruitment is ahead of schedule," Richards said.

She said Preston also told attendees that the Army's goal for the next seven or eight years is to recruit 5,000 people a year.

Kevin Prentiss, co-creator of MySpace, a social networking Web site, talked about the Dance Floor Theory and how the theory can help BOSS members increase participation in the program.

The Dance Floor Theory is about learning about others by understanding socialization on the dance floor.

"The Dance Floor Theory is learning what motivates people to do things, socialize with others, whether it's hanging out with friends, listening to music, or even spending money or taking part in good conversation," Richards said. "Once you know what motivates a person, use it to your advantage and try to get that person interested and eventually more involved in your BOSS program."

Richards said there are five levels to the Dance Floor Theory:

- Level 1:** wallflower
  - Level 2:** slight head nod to the music
  - Level 3:** head nod and finger snap
  - Level 4:** dancing
  - Level 5:** all out crazy dancing
- "You cannot combine Level 1 and Level 5," Richards said. "One of them will think that the other is crazy, or they may



## "Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers"

feel a bit out of place because they do not know them or they do not dance. Each level protects the other so you have to use each one to communicate with the other in order for all levels to have a good time."

Lt. Gen. James Campbell, director of the Army Staff, talked to the BOSS members about how to stay humble.

"He told us to never forget where we came from and to make sure we keep on doing what we're doing for Soldiers' morale," Richards said.

She described his speech as "uplifting" and "motivational."

Richards said Campbell talked about how his daughter was worried about him working at the Pentagon after Sept. 11, 2001, and asked him why he was still working there.

Richards said, "He said he told her 'I do it for the Soldiers. They depend on me and appreciate what we do.'"

Campbell also gave advice on how to get supervisors involved in the program and told the BOSS members they should know all the information about an event before asking for participation, Richards said.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Walter Morales, Army suicide prevention program manager, G-1 (Personnel), discussed how BOSS can play a role in suicide prevention and intervention.

Morales suggested applying the battle buddy concept to permanent party Soldiers.

"If someone would see their battle buddy not wanting to participate in activities or being distant, they could report it to a chaplain or a

higher noncommissioned officer," Richards said.

In addition, the conference attendees visited the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C., and talked with residents.

Richards said attending the conference was very beneficial.

"Overall, I learned how to manage the program better," she said. "Now I know how to go about getting people motivated and what makes people tick."

"It was a great conference," Irby said. "BOSS leaders had a chance to talk to members from other installations and get additional ideas for their program."

**BOSS**  
Initiated in 1989, BOSS has 82 programs spread throughout the continental United States, Europe, Korea and the Pacific region.

BOSS covers issues that can directly or indirectly influence or enhance morale, living environment, personal growth and development of Soldiers.

In recent years, BOSS has also begun to embrace Family members.

Senior Soldiers or dual military Families can become "single" or geographical bachelors through deployment or permanent change of station. They benefit greatly from BOSS support.

Richards discussed what the BOSS program on APG is all about.

"Our BOSS Program here on APG has pretty much the same concept as the DA BOSS program," Richards said. "We plan

more community service events than we do recreational events. It is always great to give back to the community. It gives us a sense of humility and accomplishment. We take pride in what we do and what we are going to do with the program here."

APG BOSS members make quarterly visits to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C. They also held a Valentine's Day Dance in February and completed spring cleanup around the installation in March.

The BOSS members meet at the APG North Recreation Center each month. For more information, call Richards, 410-278-3631 or visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/programs/boss.html>.

*(Editor's Note: Tim Hipps, Family and Morale, Welfare, Recreation Command Public Affairs, contributed to this story.)*



# NSPS: Senior leader communications

[www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps](http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps)

To help employees understand the National Security Personnel System conversion and its impact, *APG News* will provide weekly articles detailing the characteristics of the new Department of Defense system. This article details the responsibilities of managers and supervisors. For more information visit the NSPS Web site at **<http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps>**.

### ***Leading the transition***

As a senior leader, you are critical to the success of NSPS. You are responsible for helping bridge the gap between the overall concepts represented by NSPS and how they apply to your organization. When leading the transition to NSPS it is important to do the following:  
Highlight the work of supervisors who model the skills needed. Work with your manag-

ers to ensure these supervisors are getting the recognition they deserve. Highlight their efforts whenever possible and consider using these successful supervisors to serve as mentors. Develop a community of practice to share lessons learned, what works and what needs improvement.

Schedule informal sessions to answer questions and address concerns. Put together a 5-to-10-minute presentation on NSPS topics to get the conversation started. Do not be afraid to admit that you do not have all the answers. Gather the questions and concerns and make a commitment to get back to your staff when you have more information. The more time you and your managers and supervisors spend explaining NSPS, the more your staff will understand and accept it and realize you are committed to this important change.

Take time to answer quick questions in the hallway. As a trusted source, it is important that you are willing and open to share what you know.

Host open office hours. Let people now you are available to answer their questions about NSPS. Identify set times you will be available and publish your schedule.

Share what you know. As you identify resources and information that you feel will help your organization, send out the information through e-mail, post it on the appropriate Web sites and distribute it so that your staff has access.

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Post Shorts

Women needed for breast imaging study

The Clinical Breast Care Project is seeking women ages 30 to 45 for a research test that may help identify women at increased risk for breast cancer.

The simple, painless test is being conducted at Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Clinic at Fort Meade.

About 11,000 women are needed for the study over a five-year period.

This collaboration between the Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Windber Medical Center in Windber, Pa., and the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine is a Department of Defense supported study.

Participants must be active-duty military (any branch) or activated National Guard or Reserves, retirees or spouses of active duty service members (any branch).

The T-Scan is a new screening technology being evaluated in clinical trials for its ability to identify women at increased risk of having or developing breast cancer. The T-Scan measures the flow of electrical current through breast tissue and can be used to detect abnormalities. The T-Scan is a painless, non-invasive procedure that takes 15 to 20 minutes.

For information or to make an appointment, call Nansy Mathews, HJF nurse practitioner, 301-677-8858 or e-mail nansy.mathews@amedd.army.mil.

Office several pieces of equipment were found to be broken or damaged. This equipment has been taped off and is not to be used.

It is requested that parents accompany their children to the playgrounds until all repairs have been made to ensure they exercise caution while playing in and around the playground areas.

The Directorate of Installation Operations Maintenance Department will be performing immediate repairs to repairable items and removing all other unsafe equipment.

Housing Management will appreciate cooperation in this matter.

Memorial Day ceremony at APG South cemetery

Col. John T. Wright, deputy commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground will participate in Memorial Day activities hosted by the Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council #6188, the American Legion Post #17 and the Veterans of Foreign War Post #5337 at 9:30 a.m., at the APG South Cemetery located on Owen Road behind building E-1633. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside American Legion Post #17, 435 Edgewood Road. Following the ceremony, lunch will be served at Post 17. For more information, call Bob Dorsey, event coordinator, 443-655-6229.

‘Blacks in Government’ to host retirement/financial seminar

The Susquehanna Chapter of Blacks in Government is hosting a lunchtime presentation in the Old Baltimore Room at Top of the Bay, 11:30 a.m., May 30, titled “Understanding Your Federal Employee Benefits: The New Retirement Environment.” The presentation is open to all. The presenter, Rita Bailey, CPA, Financial Assurance Corporation, will discuss how to prepare for life during retirement.

For more information, contact Larry McCaskill, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, 410-436-5299.

20th SUPCOM deputy retires

Brig. Gen. Kevin R. Wendel, commander of the U.S. Army 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives) will host a retirement ceremony for Col. Paul R. Plemmons, deputy commander, 1:30 p.m., May 31, at the Ball Conference Center, building 3074.

Plemmons has been deputy since July 2005. He will receive the Defense Superior Service Medal.

For more information, call 410-436-0425.

RAB holds meeting

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., May 31, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Other Edgewood Areas Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employ-

ees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

NASCAR car returns to APG

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Main Exchange and APG North Shoppette will host the Crown Royal NASCAR car 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 1. The car will be on display at the Main Exchange 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the Shoppette 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Shoppette will hold samplings and give-aways including hats, T-shirts, prizes and gift cards.

Remember to bring a camera for photos with the NASCAR car and driver.

Veterinary Clinic closings

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed May 25 for a training holiday and May 28 for Memorial Day. The clinic also will be closed June 1 for end of month inventory.

For more information, contact the VTF, 410-278-3911/4604.

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Movies

**ADMISSION:**  
**ADULTS \$3.50,**  
**CHILDREN 1.75**  
**Building 3245**  
**Aberdeen Boulevard**  
**To verify listing, call**  
**410-272-9008, or visit**  
**www.aafes.com**  
**and click on**  
**“Movie Listing”**

**PERFECT STRANGER**  
Friday, May 25, 7 p.m.  
(Rated R)

**BLADES OF GLORY**  
**(FREE ADMISSION)**  
Saturday, May 26, 7 p.m.  
(Rated PG-13)

**PATHFINDER**  
Saturday, May 26, 9 p.m.  
Rated R

# Community Notes

THURSDAY

**MAY 24  
CAREER FAIR FOR  
MILITARY VETERANS  
AND SPOUSES**

The military-to-civilian firm RecruitMilitary will present a Career Fair for military veterans and spouses, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the covered rear deck of the legendary battleship New Jersey. Admission is free. The event is open to veterans, men and women who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life, members of the National Guard and Reserve forces and military spouses.

The battleship is docked on the Delaware River at the Camden, N.J., waterfront, opposite Penn’s Landing in Philadelphia.

For more information, call Karen Gavin, director of Resource Development, 513-683-5020, e-mail Karen@recruitmilitary.com or visit [www.recruitmilitary.com](http://www.recruitmilitary.com).

FRIDAY

**MAY 25  
SUNSET CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Sunset Cruise, 7 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$25 for

adults and \$12 for children under 10 years of age. The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area for a relaxing sail and a beautiful sunset. Reservations can be made with credit card.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

SATURDAY

**MAY 26  
CRUISE THE  
CHESAPEAKE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer two public cruises on board the Skipjack Martha Lewis, 3 and 5 p.m. Passengers will be treated to a 75-minute cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area. Tickets cost \$15 per adult and \$7 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets can be purchased at the dock or reservations can be made by credit card. Passengers can board the boat at Tydings Park, located on 352 Commerce Street, Havre de Grace.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 410-939-4078.

**LAUREL AND LADY’S  
SLIPPER**

Envelop yourself in the beauty of late spring and hike in the Leight Park woods. This program is free for all ages, 2:30 to 4 p.m. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

**MARGARITA CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Margarita cruise on board the Skipjack Martha Lewis, 7 p.m. This is the most popular cruise of the season, so book early. There will be a two-hour cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area with margaritas, beer, soda and appetizers. Tickets cost \$35 per person (must be over

21 years of age). Passengers can board the Skipjack Martha Lewis at Tydings Park, located on 352 Commerce Street, Havre de Grace. Reservations are required – credit cards are accepted.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 410-939-4078.

**CRITTER DINNER  
TIMES**

Come watch turtles, fish and snakes eat and learn more about these fascinating creatures. This program is for all ages and is free at 11 a.m. No registration required.

For information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

**SLUGS AND BUGS IN  
JUGS**

Learn about the “gross things” that crawl, slither or slime. Take home a prize — with a parent’s permission. The program will be held 1 to 2 p.m. for ages 5 to 10. Admission is free. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

**JOY NIGHT**

The St. James A.M.E. Church Youth and Young Adult Choir will sponsor Joy Night at the church, located on 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace. A love offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, or for groups interested in sharing their ministry and fellowship with other sisters and brothers in Christ, call 410-688-7407.

**SUNDAY**

**MAY 27  
MEET A CRITTER**

Check out one of the live critters up close while discovering what makes that animal special. The program begins 12:30 p.m. and is free for all ages. No registration required.

For more information or directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688

**TOAD-ALLY AWESOME**

Search for toads, frogs, eggs and tadpoles in puddles and ponds around the Anita C.

Leight Estuary Center, then create toad shelters to place in the garden. This program will be held 2 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 5 to adult and costs \$3 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

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**HARFORD GLOBAL  
DAY OF PRAYER**

The Global Day of Prayer for Harford County will be held 6 to 8 p.m. (Pentecost Sunday), at the intersection of Trimble and Willoughby Beach roads in Edgewood.

For more information, call Ed Ducote, 410-236-2092, e-mail [edducote@verizon.net](mailto:edducote@verizon.net), or visit Web site [www.Harfordgdop.org](http://www.Harfordgdop.org).

MONDAY

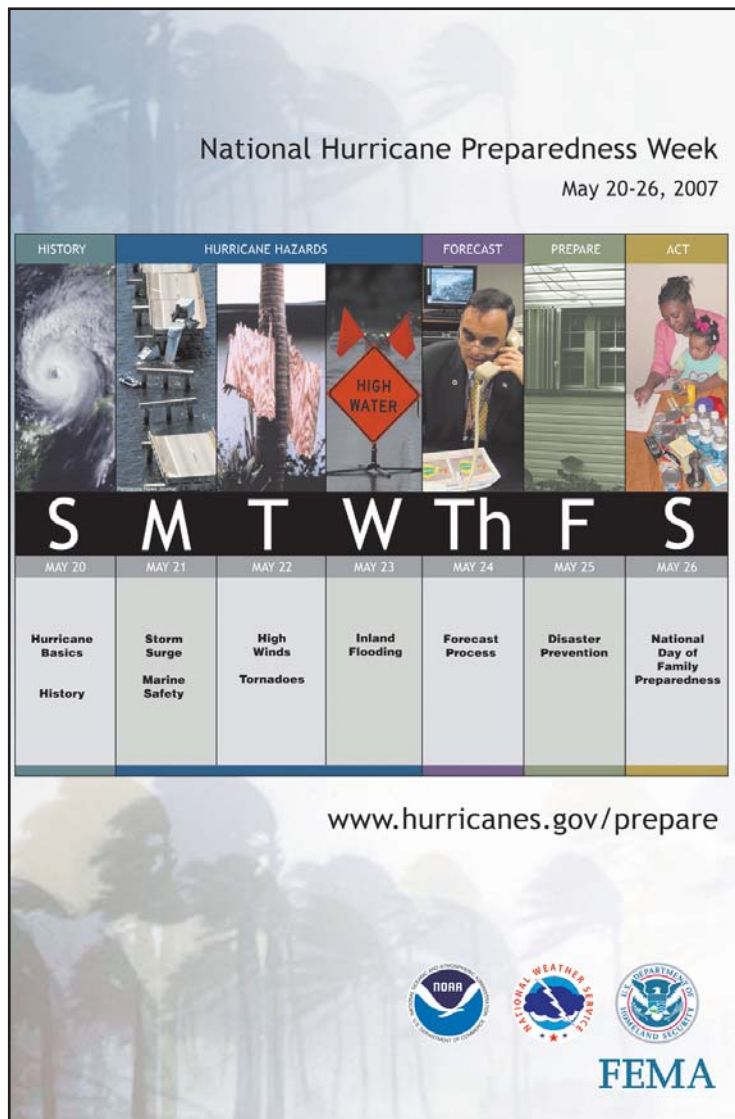
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# May 20 began Hurricane Preparedness Week





# MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

## Sports

# Memorial Day schedule

FACILITY	SAT, 26 MAY	SUN, 27 MAY	MON, 28 MAY	TUE, 29 MAY
Arts & Crafts, AA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Arts & Crafts, EA	NOON - 8 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Auto Crafts	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	NOON - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	CLOSED
Library	1 - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.	CLOSED	11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Recreation Center, AA	NOON - 11 p.m.	NOON - 11 p.m.	NOON - 11 p.m.	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Recreation Center Snack Bar, AA	NOON - 10 p.m.	NOON - 10 p.m.	NOON - 10 p.m.	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Recreation Center, EA	NOON - 11 p.m.	NOON - 11 p.m.	NOON - 11 p.m.	NOON - 6 p.m.
Recreation Center Snack Bar, EA	NOON - 10 p.m.	NOON - 10 p.m.	NOON - 10 p.m.	NOON - 5 p.m.
MWR Registration/ITR	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Health & Fitness Center, AA	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	5:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Hoyle Gymnasium/Fitness Center	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Outdoor Recreation & Equipment Center	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park	1 - 8:30 p.m.	1 - 8:30 p.m.	1 - 8:30 p.m.	CLOSED
Olympic Swimming Pool	12:30 - 6:30 p.m.	12:30 - 6:30 p.m.	12:30 - 6:30 p.m.	CLOSED
Bayside Swimming Pool	12:30 - 6:30 p.m.	12:30 - 6:30 p.m.	12:30 - 6:30 p.m.	CLOSED

## Activities/Events

### Do-it-yourself New York City tours

MWR has scheduled several trips to New York City – eight hours for sightseeing, shopping, to see a Broadway matinee, venture into China Town and more.

Trips will take place June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20 or Nov. 17. Cost of the trip is \$40 per person. The bus will depart 8:25 a.m. and will return 10:30 p.m. Open to all DoD card holders.

For more information or to register, call or visit MWR Leisure Travel Services, AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR\_LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

### Talent Search tryouts begin soon

The annual search for APG’s most talented is on and MWR is looking for a few good vocalists. Tryouts for the APG Talent Search and the chance of moving on to bigger events, like the U.S. Army Soldier Show, begin in a few weeks. Tryouts will be held 6:30 p.m., May 29 and 30 at the Stark Recreation Center in APG South and 6:30 p.m., June 5 and 6 at the APG North Recreation Center.

MWR ID card holders and their Family members, age 18 or older, are eligible to participate. MWR is specifically looking for vocalists (individuals or groups), poets, dancers, instrumentalists or comics. Rules for the show are posted on the MWR Web site at [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

The Talent Search will be held 6:30 p.m., June 23, at the APG North Recreation Center, building 3326.

### New York City Liberty Tour

On July 7 Cruise aboard the

famous Circle Line cruise ship down Manhattan harbor to the Statue of Liberty for the best view in the city. Following the cruise, enjoy lunch on the coach touring famous and not-so-famous New York sights narrated by a professional and friendly step on guide. Then explore and shop in midtown Manhattan. Shop for souvenirs, browse at Macy’s or stroll Times Square. Cost of the trip is \$90 per person and includes roundtrip transportation, cruise and lunch.

Deadline for registration is June 22. The bus will depart 7:20 a.m. and return 9:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR registration, Aberdeen North, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Hoyle Gymnasium, Aberdeen South, building E4210, 410-436-3375/7134.

### LPGA tickets

MWR has tickets to see the McDonald’s LPGA Championship featuring the biggest names in women’s golf June 4 through 10 at Bulle Rock, Havre de Grace.

Cost is \$12 for regular admission and includes one day admission and transportation to and from designated parking areas. Season Badges cost \$33 each and includes daily admission and transportation to and from designated parking areas.

Saturday, June 9, is Military Appreciation Day. All active duty and retiree ID card holders will be admitted free.

### APG holds Talent Show

A Talent Show will be held June 23, at the APG North Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m.; doors open 6 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Tickets cost \$5 for active duty

military, \$7 for non-military.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR registration, Aberdeen North, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Aberdeen South, Hoyle Gymnasium, building E4210, 410-436-3375/7134.

### Dover Downs Raceway Nextel Cup

Zoom on down to “The Monster Mile” Dover Downs Raceway Nextel Cup race on June 3. The bus departs 9:20 a.m. and returns approximately 8 p.m.

Experience the thrill of the speed, the unique white concrete track, the roar of the engines and cheers of the crowd.

Cost of the trip is \$130 and includes bus transportation and tickets - reserved seating on Turn 3, sections 139-149, rows 1-30.

For more information or for registration, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr\_registration@apg.army.mil.

### MWR begins daily bus trips to Atlantic City

Roll the bones on daily trips to Atlantic City. MWR Leisure Travel Services offers daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino and Bally’s Casino. Cost of the trip to Trump Taj Mahal is \$28 per person with \$25 back in cash and a \$5 buffet coupon. Cost of the trip to Bally’s Casino is \$22 with \$22 back in cash. Only for ages 21 and over.

The bus will leave Vitali’s Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood at 9 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.

For more information, call MWR Leisure Travel Services at Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr\_registration@apg.army.mil.

### Orioles Baseball tickets available at MWR Leisure Travel Services

All game seats are located in Section 40 Row WW seats 11 and 12, Row XX seats 11 and 12. Tickets cost \$49 each.

Call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr\_registration@apg.army.mil.

- Oakland Athletics, Saturday, May 26, 7:35 p.m.
- Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Wednesday, July 25, 7:05 p.m.
- Boston Red Sox, Friday, Aug. 10, 7:05 p.m.
- Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Thursday, Aug. 30, 7:05 p.m.
- Boston Red Sox, Thursday, Sept. 6, 7:05 p.m.
- Boston Red Sox, Friday, Sept. 7, 7:05 p.m.
- New York Yankees, Friday, Sept. 28, 7:05 p.m.

### Aberdeen Ironbirds tickets

Tickets are available for the following Aberdeen Ironbirds games:

- Williamsport Crosscutters, 7:05 p.m., July 11,
- Staten Island Yankees (Military Appreciation Night), 7:05 p.m., Aug. 16,
- Oneonta Tigers, 7:05 p.m., Sept. 6

Tickets cost \$13.50 per person and include a compli-

### Youth Golf Program

Registration for the golf program for boys and girls, ages 7 through 16 (as of June 18, 2007) will be held through May 24.

APG North golf will begin June 19 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Age groups 7 to 9 will play 8 a.m.; 9 a.m. for ages 10 and 11; and 10 a.m. for ages 12 through 16.

APG South golf will begin June 18 on Mondays and Fridays.

Ages groups 7 to 9 will play 8 a.m.; 9 a.m. for ages 10 and 11; and 10 a.m. for ages 12 through 16.

Cost of registration is \$65 for CYS members. All youths must be registered with CYS.

For more information or to register, call 410-278-7571/7479 or Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

### Challenger Soccer Camp

Challenger Sports’ British soccer camps are the largest camps in the United States and includes individual skill development, professional British coaching staff, programs for all levels, daily world cup style tournaments, free soccer ball, free T-shirt and a bonus British soccer jersey if youths register 45 days before the camp.

Soccer Camp is scheduled

for July 23 through 27.

Camp for ages 4 and 5 will be held 8:30 to 10 a.m., and costs \$72 per child; ages 6 through 14 will be held 10:10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and costs \$102 per child. Camp will be held at the Youth soccer field (APG North) on Bayside Drive.

For registration, visit [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com) and click on ‘find a camp,’ click on ‘type of camp (British Soccer camps),’ type in the APG zip code (21005) and click on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

### Amateur Boxing Night

Once again MWR will host Amateur Boxing Night, 6 p.m., June 2, in the parking lot of the APG Athletic Center, building 3330. The 143rd Ordnance Battalion will battle the 16th Ordnance Battalion.

Tickets cost \$5 for active duty military, \$10 for civilians and \$20 for front row seating. Admission is free for children 6 and younger. The event is open to the public.

Purchase tickets at MWR Leisure Travel Services, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail mwr\_registration@apg.army.mil or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210 or call 410-436-3375/7134.

North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr\_registration@apg.army.mil.

### Daytona NASCAR Tickets

Tickets for the July 1, Nextel Pepsi 400 at Daytona, Fla., are available at MWR. Tickets cost \$45 per person for superstretch seats, rows 1 through 31; \$67 per person for superstretch terrace seats, rows 33 through 61; \$58 per person for seating from the turns; \$126 per person for seating from the turns tower; and \$46.50 for a Nextel Fanzone Pre Race Pass. Open to all DoD ID card holders.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Services at APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr\_registration@apg.army.mil.

# Vehicle Resale Lot moves to new location

The MWR operated Vehicle Resale Lot for anyone who needs to sell or buy a vehicle is now at Outdoor Recreation Center, building 2407.

For more information, e-mail MWR-OutdoorRec@apg.army.mil, call 410-278-4124 or visit Web site [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

# Upcoming senior golf events

### Ruggles to hold Senior Club Championship

Ruggles Golf Course will hold a Senior Club Championship June 2 and 3 with an 8 a.m. start and is open to all annual patrons age 55 or older only.

The \$35 fee includes range balls, cart, continental breakfast on the first day, hot dog with soda on turn both days, and appetizers with beverages after the second day of

play and prizes.

There will be Men’s and Ladies Division. Tournament will be flighted according to handicap. Entrants must have USGA handicap to enter.

Register in the Pro Shop at Ruggles or call 410-278-4794.

### Ruggles to hold Super Senior Tournament

A Super Senior Tournament will be held at Ruggles Golf Course June 11, with a

9 a.m. start. The \$49 entry fee includes range balls, cart, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes.

Tournament is open to all golfers age 60 or older.

There will be a Men’s and Ladies Division. Tournament will be flighted according to handicap. Entrants must have USGA handicap to enter.

Register in the Pro Shop at Ruggles or call 410-278-4794.

# APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

### Week of May 21

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich served on choice of white or wheat bread, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$3.55.

Special #2: Six butterfly shrimp, French fries, coleslaw and soda for \$5.85.

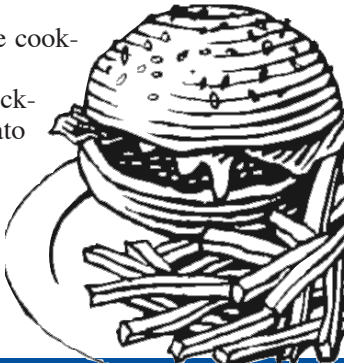
### Week of May 28

Special #1: Tuna wrap with lettuce, tomato, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$4.75

Special #2: Tuna salad served on top of lettuce, tomato, pickles on the side, green peppers, cucumbers, onions, cheese, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$3.75.

Special #3: Chicken tender sub served on a junior sub roll with mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles and onions, cheddar cheese, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$5.75.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



# 90th Anniversary Celebration Calendar of Events

*(All dates are subject to change and weather conditions.)*

### June

- 2 and 3, Ruggles Senior Club Championship, 9 a.m., age 50 and older, limited to annual, MWR, Ruggles Golf Course, 410-278-9452
- 11, Ruggles Super Senior Tournament, age 60 and older, MWR, Ruggles Golf Course, 410-278-9452

### July

- 26, Army Community Service Birthday Picnic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*(Editor’s note: This calendar will be updated as necessary. New or changed items will appear in italic bold print.)*

### August /September /October

- TBA Army Concert Tour

### November 2007

- *10, APG 90th Anniversary Gala, Ripken Stadium, 7 to 11 p.m., more details to follow*
- 15, Military Family Movie, ACS, 410-278-4372, 6 to 9 p.m.

### December 2007

- 5, ACS Christmas Party/Tree Lighting Ceremony, 410-278-4372, 6 to 9 p.m.

# NOAA predicts above normal 2007 Atlantic Hurricane Season

## 13 to 17 named storms predicted

NOAA

Experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency Climate Prediction Center are projecting a 75 percent chance that the Atlantic Hurricane Season will be above normal this year—showing the ongoing active hurricane era remains strong. With the start of the hurricane season approaching, NOAA recommends those in hurricane-prone regions to begin their preparation plans.

“For the 2007 Atlantic Hurricane Season, NOAA scientists predict thirteen to seventeen named storms, with seven to ten becoming hurricanes, of which three to five could become major hurricanes of Category Three strength or higher,” said retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, undersecretary of commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA administrator. An average Atlantic Hurricane Season brings 11 named storms, with six becoming hurricanes, including two major hurricanes.

“With expectations for an active season, it is critically important that people who live in East and Gulf coastal areas as well as the Caribbean be prepared,” said Bill Proenza, NOAA National Hurricane Center director. “Now is the time to update your hurricane plan, not when the storm is bearing down on you.”

Climate patterns responsible for the expected above normal 2007 hurricane activity continue to be warmer-than-normal sea surface temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean, the El Niño/La Niña cycle and the ongoing multi-decadal signal (the set of ocean and atmospheric conditions that spawn increased Atlantic hurricane activity).

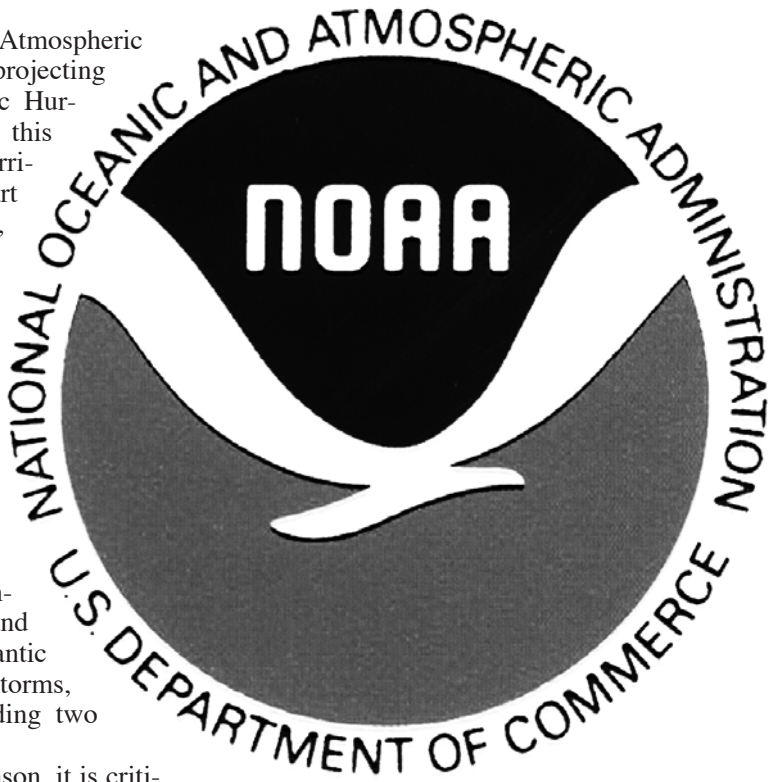
Last year, seasonal hurricane predictions proved to be too high when an unexpected El Niño rapidly developed and created a hostile environment for Atlantic storms to form and strengthen. When storms did develop, steering currents kept most of them over the open water and away from land.

“There is some uncertainty this year as to whether or not La Niña will form, and if it does how strong it will be,” said Gerry Bell, lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at the NOAA Climate Prediction Center. “The Climate Prediction Center is indicating that La Niña could form in the next one to three months. If La Niña develops, storm activity will likely be in the upper end of the predicted range, or perhaps even higher depending on how strong La Niña becomes. Even if La Niña does not develop, the conditions associated with the ongoing active hurricane era still favor an above-normal season,” Bell said.

Bell also noted that pre-season storms, such as Subtropical Storm Andrea in early May, are not an indicator of the hurricane season ahead.

“With or without Andrea, NOAA’s forecast is for an above normal season.”

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, with peak activity occurring August through October. The NOAA Climate Prediction Cen-



ter will issue an updated seasonal forecast in August just prior to the historical peak of the season.

The Atlantic Hurricane Seasonal Outlook is an official forecast product of the NOAA Climate Prediction Center. Instituted in 1998, this outlook is produced in collaboration with NOAA scientists at the NOAA Climate Prediction Center, NOAA National Hurricane Center, NOAA Hurricane Research Division and the NOAA Hydro-meteorological Prediction Center. The NOAA National Hurricane Center has hurricane forecasting responsibilities for the Atlantic as well as the East Pacific basins. The NOAA Climate Prediction Center, NOAA National Hurricane Center and the NOAA Hydro-meteorological Prediction Center are three of the NOAA National Weather Service’s nine NOAA National Centers for Environmental Prediction, which provides the United States with first alerts of weather, climate, ocean and space weather events.

NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, is celebrating 200 years of science and service to the nation. From the establishment of the Survey of the Coast in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson to the formation of the Weather Bureau and the Commission of Fish and Fisheries in the 1870s, much of America’s scientific heritage is rooted in NOAA. NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of the nation’s coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems, NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 60 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

## Hurricane

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identification; immunization records; medications; ample supply of food and water; a carrier or cage; muzzle and leash .

Maryland Emergency Management Agency <http://www.mema.state.md.us>.

### Before hurricane season

Check insurance policies. Make sure you are covered for flood damage. Most homeowner’s policies don’t cover floods. And, make sure flood insurance covers things like outbuildings, sheds, seawalls, private bridges, etc.

If you live in a coastal area, put together a Disaster Supplies Kit.

Clear gutters and downspouts and trim trees and shrubs.

Learn the difference between a hurricane watch and a hurricane warning.

### During a storm threat

- Stay tuned to radio and TV for official weather information.
- Follow instructions and advice given by emergency officials.
- Bring in or tie down lawn furniture and other loose items outdoors.
- If you live in a mobile home, plan to leave. Mobile homes are unsafe in high winds.
- If you live in a high-rise in a coastal area, plan to leave. Hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.
- Stay away from windows and

doors even if they’re covered. Try to stay in an interior room or hallway.

- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace external doors.
- Do not attempt to evacuate during the height of a hurricane. You are safer buttoned down in your home than out on the road where flying debris can be hazardous.
- Turn refrigerator to maximum cold setting.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so.
- Fill bathtub and large containers with water.

Remember, hurricanes can spawn tornadoes, flooding and flash flooding as well as hail and lightning. Stay inside during a hurricane.

## LEAVE DONATIONS

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, or e-mail [rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil](mailto:rondamckinney@usag.apg.army.mil).

### Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

James Addas	paroxysmal positional vertigo)	Sandra Miller
Sarah Boats	Marc Devecchio	Karen Moss
William Bond	Wayne L. Doyel	Gloria Morales
Sandra Boyd	Dawn Folck	Trudie Norman
Debra Bonsall (daughter has brain tumor)	David Harding	Lester Pilcher
Jeanie Bowman	Carolyn Johnson	Judith Rembold
Rogelio Chevannes	Reginald Johnson	Barbara Seker
Brett Christy	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Joyce Spies
James Craven	Joyce Mauldin	Alison Tichenor
Ruth Cunningham	Louis McCarter (kidney failure)	Elizabeth Usmari
John Daigle		Louis Winters
Shelia Davison (benign		Sharon Woods
		Charles Young

# TEXAS HOLD 'EM

## fans bet it all during MWR tournament

Story and photos by  
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When Morale, Warfare and Recreation held its first Texas Hold 'Em tournament at Top of the Bay April 14, Aberdeen Proving Ground fans of the popular pastime showed up to compete for prizes while testing their wagering skills.

Unlike in real gambling, participants competed for prizes and the chance to play in the championship of the Army's 2007 Texas Hold 'Em online tournament to be held in June.

Forty players at five tables in Top of the Bay's 'Down Under' club competed to become one of the five finalists who would play for the championship.

"As with all MWR events, profits generated will go right back into the community," said Linda Holloway, MWR chief of the Business Operations Division. Holloway expressed appreciation to Coors Light and Vault for sponsoring the event.

The top prize for the APG tournament was a \$500 gift card.

"Prizes for the Army's online tournament include a \$650 gift card for third place, a laptop computer for second place and a grand prize of an Ultimate Home Theater prize package," Holloway said.

"This is a first for APG," she added. "If the tournament does well and the interest is there, we will host additional tournaments throughout the year."

Play was intense but relaxed as the room full of mostly strangers tried to outwit each other.

To start the games they were issued stacks of brightly colored poker chips with the different colors representing a certain denomination. They also received raffle tickets for door prizes and each participant was given their choice of an MWR hat or T-shirt.

As players folded, one by one, there was plenty of applause and cheers but no hard feelings and most said they would gladly play again.

"The organization for this was exceptional," said Kevin Puckace, a test engineer with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Despite being the first player to fold, Puckace said it was "a fun, fun hour."

"I just had a bad run of cards," he said.

"I had a blast," added Trish Soto, a military spouse whose son taught her to play. "I never played before so I didn't know what to expect," she said. "I'll be glad to see MWR hold more [events] like this."

A long-time fan of Texas Hold 'Em, who also enjoys

playing the game online, Blake Voshell, an exhibits specialist with the Directorate of Information Management, said that as tournaments go, he enjoyed this one.

"I really enjoyed it. It was a lot more laid back than cut throat," Voshell said, adding, "it gets pretty intense and nobody's smiling at you when you play for real but here it was nice and friendly."

The five finalists included Mike Lanham, a chemist with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine; Jim Dillon, a Chemical Materials Agency chemist; Lynn Stadterman, a senior writer-editor with Battelle; Dominic Chan, a computer scientist with the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity and Tim Hall, an environmental protection assistant with the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment.

The only female to advance to the finals, Stadterman said she couldn't believe her luck.

"I played at home before but never for real," she said. "I really don't know how I won. They kept saying 'you won' and pushing the chips to me."

"It was beginner's luck," she added. "With real money I wouldn't have been that brave."

Dillon said he started out slow but hit it big when it mattered.

"I got very good cards at the end," he said. "Our dealer was excellent," he added, complimenting the table's dealer, MWR recreation assistant Terry Allen.

Andrew Keslosky, an Army specialist with the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) was the volunteer dealer for the finals. The players agreed he kept things running smoothly.

"I've played a lot of poker," Keslosky said. "Heads up, I had a great time."

After much wagering and wrangling, Lanham pulled out the stops and overcame a tough round between him and second-place winner Dillon, to take the championship.

Lanham described the winning round. "I got lucky," he said. "I had a queen and I figured I'd work the call but two queens came out on the flop. I bet everything I had, [about nineteen hundred twenty in chips]. He called. I had three queens and he had a pair of fours."

"The first thing I thought was 'what would I get with my five hundred dollar gift card,'" he said.



Mike Lanham, a chemist with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, thinks strategy before winning the APG Texas Hold 'Em tournament held April 14 at Top of the Bay.



Lynn Stadterman of Battelle sees her winnings stack up during the preliminary round.



Tim Hall, an environmental protection assistant with the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, considers his options during the championship round.



Second place finisher, Jim Dillon, a Chemical Materials Agency chemist, moves his winnings closer.



Dominic Chan, a U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity computer scientist, watches his opponents as he waits to wager.



Army specialist Andrew Keslosky, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), controls the chips and the table during the championship round.

# APG HOLDS ANNUAL SPRING FEST, BIKE RODEO

Story by  
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APG News

Soldiers, their Families and civilian employees took part in Aberdeen Proving Ground's Spring Fest/Bike Rodeo activities May 5 at Shine Sports Field.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Army Substance Abuse Program, Child and Youth Services, Army Community Service and the APG fire and police departments hosted the event.

Soldiers from Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, helped with food, games and other tasks at the Spring Fest.

Soldiers from Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class #24-07 manned the nine stations of the Bike Rodeo, which taught children safety while bicycle riding.



Elmo becomes acquainted with Joel Brevard.



Staff Sgt. Jose Mojica from the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class #24-07 initials 6-year-old Mason Blethen's bike rodeo form so he can continue on to the next station.



Aberdeen High School Latino Dance students from left, Rebecca Maldonado, Candace Whye, Adam Flores, Nate Williams, Priscilla Villareal and Ri-Chard McCarthy perform for Spring Fest attendees.



Eight-year-old Gunnar Shluer, left, plays chess with Pvt. Nathan Hellman, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion.



Three-year-old Gavin Burns puts a hand with his name on it, on the Army Substance Abuse Program's Promise to Be Drug Free wall.



Staff Sgt. Chris Tapia from the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class #24-07 pretends to be an oncoming car as 5-year-old Kaela Hendley stops at the corner for the "Dodge 'Em Drive Station." At this station, children learned to stop and look around obstacles before bicycling on. Children learned additional bike safety skills at eight other stations.



Walter Stanford tries out the seatbelt convincer provided by Trooper First Class Kerry Fritz, Maryland State Police, that simulates a 5 mph crash.

# Show

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of work goes into these shows, and the size didn’t take away from [this one] at all.”

The Soldier musicians were credited with giving standout performances. They included 1st Lt. Eric Young of Fort Sill, Okla., on guitar; Spc. Dave Boholst, a 2006 Military Idol contestant from Fort Polk, La., on bass guitar; 1st Lt. Mary Daugherty of Fort Bragg, N.C., and Staff Sgt. Jason Hanno of Walter Reed Army Medical Center on piano; Staff Sgt. Walter Washington of Korea on the saxophone and Spc. Philip Harris of Fort Gordon, Ga., on the congas.

Standout singers included Staff Sgt. Patricia Isaac of Fort Stewart, Ga., singing Carrie Underwood’s “Jesus Take the Wheel” and Jennifer Hudson’s “I’m Changing,” from “Dreamgirls,” which brought the loudest ovation of the evening from the audience.

Another favorite was Spc. Philip Harris who performed “I Play Chicken With the Train” by Big & Rich then wowed the audience with a recitation of his original patriotic poem “Why We Fight.” Then, the entire cast, clad in black and white danced energetically to Stevie Wonder’s “I Wish.”

From here, the Soldier Show hit the road on a 9-month tour that will take them around the country and to Korea before retuning to this area in late November for their final performances at Fort Belvoir, Va., Nov. 25 and at the Warner Theater in Washington, D.C., Nov. 27.

**History**

The modern version of the U.S. Army Soldier Show originated in 1983 as an outgrowth of several shows existing in various Army commands, with Soldier talent selected from worldwide competition.

In 2007, the Army celebrates the 87th anniversary of the debut of the first Army Soldier Show in 1918 and the 23rd anniversary of the modern U.S. Army Soldier Show.

The motto, mission and philosophy of the show were established during World War I by a Russian immigrant, Sgt. Israel Beilin (Irving Berlin): “Entertainment for the Soldier, by the Soldier.” The first Army Soldier Show, “Yip Yip Yaphank,” conceived and directed by Sgt. Irving Berlin, appeared on Broadway in 1918.

The headquarters of the U.S. Army Entertainment Division at Fort Belvoir, home of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, was dedicated to Irving Berlin and named the Irving Berlin Center on Oct. 30, 2002.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show was reincarnated during World War II on Broadway under the title “This is the Army,” written, directed and produced by Irving Berlin. Cast and crew were all members of U.S Army Special Services Company No. 1. The 1943 film version featured a military cast starring, among others, Ronald Reagan, Gene Kelly and Joe Lewis.

**Cast selection**

New cast members are selected each year. Aspiring Soldiers worldwide submit application packages that include videotapes, biographies, photographs and letters of recommendation from their commanders. Soldiers must have an outstanding record in their units as well as demonstrate musicality, movement, stage presence and versatility.

Soldier Show artistic staff, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center directors, Soldier peers, and selected senior Army leaders form an audition panel that screens all entries. There were some 200 applications for 17 performer spots in the 2007 show. In addition to being scored by a panel of judges on showmanship, talent and poise, the finalists must pass physical training and drug tests, uniform inspection and a dance audition. Audio and lighting technicians are selected based on their military and civilian theater experience and training, recommendations and military record.

For information about auditioning for the 2008 U.S. Army Soldier Show, visit Web site **http://www.armymwr.com** or contact the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office.



# Living up to Warrior Pride values

ASAP Office

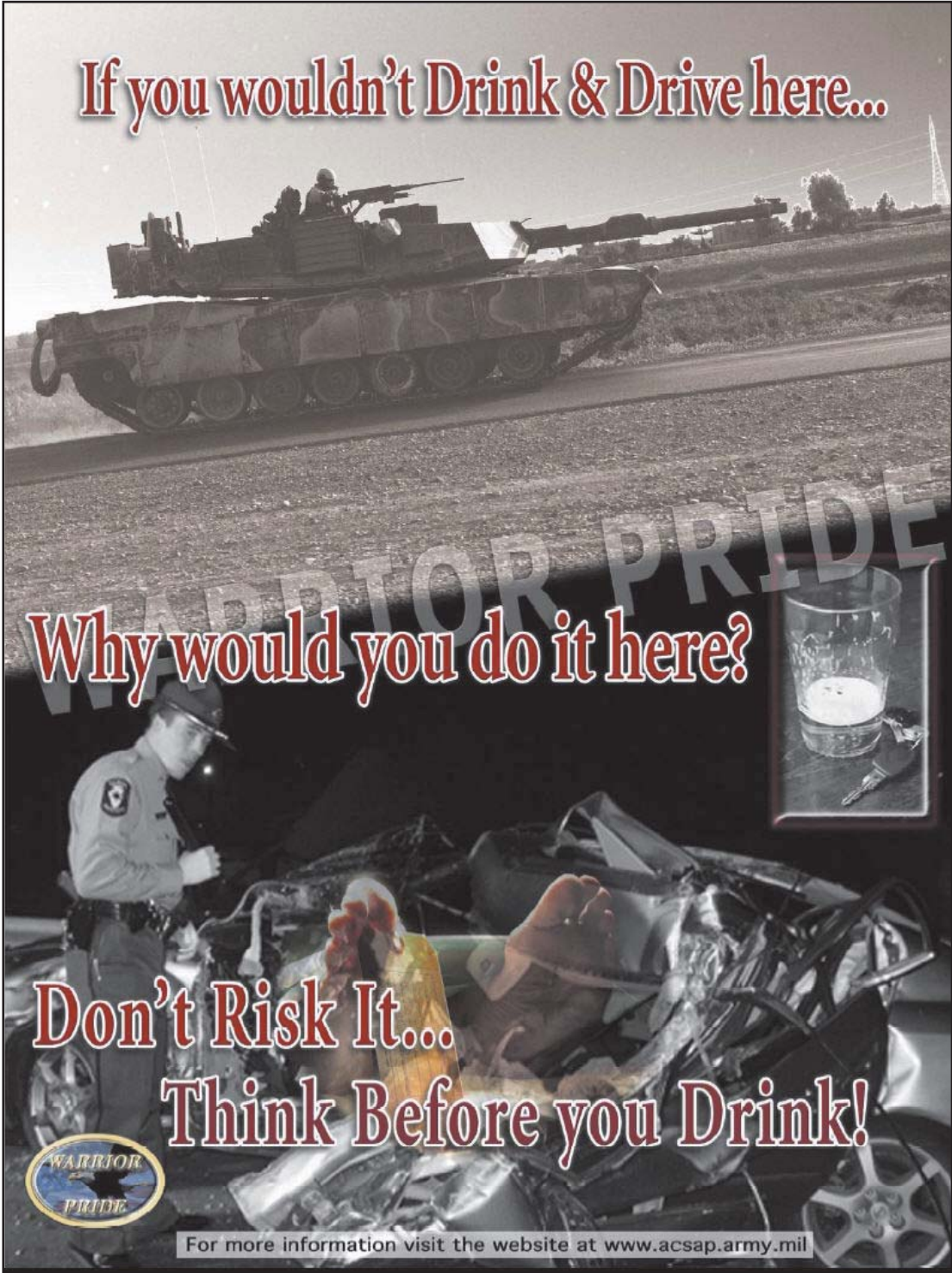
This is the final segment of the Army Substance Abuse Program’s three-part series on Warrior Pride. The first installment provided an overview of the Warrior Pride campaign while the second installment focused on the traits of Personal Courage, Respect and Integrity.

The Duty and Excellence elements of Warrior Pride campaign will close this series. “While the Warrior Pride campaign is directed toward Soldiers, each of us must live up to the values depicted within the Warrior Pride philosophy if we are to be Army Strong,” said Cindy Scott, ASAP prevention coordinator.

- Duty**
- Do your duty as a Soldier and stay physically and mentally tough by not using drugs or abusing alcohol.
  - Every Soldier needs to perform their duties as technically and tactically as possible. You cannot do your Duty if you are abusing drugs or alcohol.
  - It is your Duty not to take

- illicit drugs and not to abuse alcohol.
- It is your Duty to report Soldiers who take illegal drugs or report to work drunk (your life and the lives of others may depend on it).
  - It is your Duty not to drink alcohol if under the age of 21 or to provide alcohol to other soldiers under 21.

- Excellence**
- Exhibit honorable behavior on and off duty – Don’t be a substance abuser!
  - Honor America, the Army, your unit and your fellow Soldiers by helping to make our Army drug free.
  - Help others to make honorable decisions not to use drugs or abuse alcohol.
  - Demonstrate honorable behavior on and off duty and set the example for others to follow in regard to alcohol and drug abuse.
- For more information contact Scott, 410-278-DRUG.



## Chapel News

### Register for Vacation Bible School

The APG Main Post Chapel Vacation Bible School will be held 6 to 8:45 p.m., June 25 through 29, for preschoolers ages 5 to grade 6.

This year’s theme is “Holy Land Adventure: Galilee by the Sea – Catch Jesus in Action.”

Nursery care will be provided for volunteers.

Registration forms for volunteers (adults and teens) are available in the entrance of the Main Post (APG North) and South Post (APG South) chapels. Early registration is requested. For more information, call Gerri Merkel, 410-278-2516 or e-mail [gerri.merkel@apg.army.mil](mailto:gerri.merkel@apg.army.mil).